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1. ON MARCH 31, AN EMBOFF MET WITH DR. PILICHOWSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE
MAIN COMMISSION FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF NAZI WAR CRIMES IN
POLAND, TO INFORM HIM OF THE CREATION OF MR. MENDELSON'S OFFICE
OF SPECIAL LITIGATION, TO GENERALLY ACQUAINT HIM WITH ITS
FUNCTIONS, AND TO INFORM HIM OF MR. MENDELSON'S DESIRE TO COME
TO WARSAW TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO OFFICES.

2. DR. PILICHOWSKI WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AT THE PROSPECT OF
COOPERATION
WITH MR. MENDELSON'S OFFICE AND SAID HE WANTED VERY MUCH TO MEET
WITH MR. MENDELSON TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST. DR. PILICHOWSKI ADDED THAT HE HAS BEEN ILL RECENTLY
AND EXPECTS AN OPERATION WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE
ASKED US TO GIVE HIM SOME KIND OF TIMETABLE FOR MR. MENDELSON'S
PROPOSED VISIT, SO THAT HE MAY PLAN ACCORDINGLY. HE STRESSED THAT HE
WANTS TO MEET MR. MENDELSON PERSONALLY, AND THAT HE, TO, IS
INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING AS DIRECT A LINK AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN
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THE TWO OFFICES TO FACILITATE ANY FUTURE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

3. REGARDING SUCH EXCHANGES, DR. PILICHOWSKI STRESSED
THE NEED OF HIS OFFICE TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AS FAR IN
ADVANCE OF THE TRIAL DATE AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS NEEDED TO PERMIT A
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. HE POINTED OUT, ALMOST APOLOGETICALLY, THAT
IT WAS FOR THIS REASON (LACK OF TIME) THE HE WAS NOT AS RESPONSIVE

AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED IN THE WALUS CASE. DR. PILICHOWSKI ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING MORE BIO DATA ON THE PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION. HE SUGGESTED THERE COULD BE AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO OFFICES THAT SUCH DATA WOULD NOT BE PASSED TO A THIRD PARTY.

4. DR. PILICHOWSKI MENTIONED THAT, BEFORE MEETING WITH MR. MENDELSON

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HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER US INVESTIGATIVE UNITS.
COMMENT: THIS REQUEST PROBABLY RESULTED FROM SOME CONFUSION ON DR. PILICHOWSKI'S PART AS TO HOW MR. MENDELSON'S DUTIES RELATE TO THOSE OF MR. DE VITO (REF B). THIS CONFUSION WAS AGAIN APPARENT WHEN EMBOFF ASKED DR. PILICHOWSKI FOR THE SZABELSKI CASE RECORDS (REF D), AND WAS TOLD THAT THIS QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MR. DE VITO AND THAT SOME INFORMATION RELATING TO THE HANFF CASE HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO MR DE VITO'S OFFICE. END COMMENT.

5. WE WILL AWAIT WORD FROM MR. MENDELSON'S OFFICE BEFORE COMMUNICATING AGAIN WITH DR. PILICHOWSKI.
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